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West Germany Likely to Raise Duty-Free Coal Import Quota

BONN, Germany—(AP)—West Germany is expected to increase the quota of duty-free coal imports a bit.

Officials said the provision of 4,250,000 tons to be allowed in duty free for the benefit of coastal areas and Bavaria would be increased to five million tons. This would probably raise the U.S. duty-free quota for this year to 3,900,000 tons from 3,500,000 tons.

This step is not likely to go far toward answering protests of the American coal indus-

try and miners union at what they regard as discriminatory action. The government proposes a duty of \$4.76 on every ton of coal

imported from outside the six nation coal-steel pool.

The duty is directed at the substantial quantities of American coal imported and is designed to protect the domestic industry which has nearly 14 million tons of surplus stocks.

The foreign office and economics ministry confirmed receipt of an official note from the U.S. Government expressing anxiety over the tariff. Neither office regards the note as a protest.